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Big Band Ensemble, Classic Car Show Slated for June's Music & Art in the Park Event

CANAL WINCHESTER – The Village of Canal Winchester invites you to step back in time at its "Blast From the Past" themed Music & Art in the Park event on June 20. Mike Walker with Master Mix DJ will begin filling the airwaves with big band music at 6 p.m. and attendees will enjoy more music from years gone by compliments of Swing's the Thing 16 piece big band ensemble from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

In addition to great music, the event will feature a classic car cruise-in from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Dash plaques for the first 50 registrants and a trophy for the "People's Choice" award are being provided for the cruise-in courtesy of Bob McDorman Chevrolet. Car show space is limited, so make sure to reserve your spot as soon as possible! Those interested in participating should contact Carrie Hoover at 614-834-9727 or choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov. Please provide the make, model and year of your car as well as your name and city of residency.

Attendees will have the opportunity to submit a vote for their favorite car between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and the winner will be announced by DJ Mike Walker around 8 p.m. Mr. Walker will also be hosting hula hoop contests for adults and children during the 6 o'clock hour, so make sure to come prepared to compete. The Canal Winchester Art Guild will also be on site to display their work.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating at this family-friendly event. Food and drink will be available for purchase through event concessionaire, Roman's Pizza. Picnics are also welcome; however, alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Music & Art in the Park events are held the third Friday of the month, May – August, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. All concerts are at Stradley Park Place, just north of the village municipal building at 36 S. High Street. Other remaining events for the year include "A Touch of Country" in July featuring the Christy Angeletti Band and line dance instruction, and "Island Rhythms on the Canal" in August featuring the Tropic Islands Quartet and Spirit of the Pacific Island Hula Dancers.

During July's "A Touch of Country" event, area residents and business will have the opportunity to set up tables with pre-approved products to sell, such as produce, or items to display, such as arts and crafts. The purpose of this display area is to support local products and is not intended for business marketing displays. If you are interested in participating or would like more details, please contact Carrie Hoover at 614-834-9727 or choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov.